

Fast Food Fax

May. 22, 2006

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was at least moderate to mostly good, best where feature activity was in progress. In the parts complex, breasts items were in good balance to well cleared. Leg cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: May. 06, 2006

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	28,685	16,610	51,839	97,134
Percentage	30%	17%	53%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,218	3.31
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	4,569	4.70
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	8,618	8.87
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	12,280	12.64
		28,685	29.52

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Mar 18	213,723	100	177,078	100	213,256	101	174,755	102	162,304	101
Mar 25	212,142	100	177,118	100	213,689	102	174,471	101	162,089	100
Apr 01	213,434	100	177,359	100	215,404	102	176,021	102	161,822	100
Apr 08	215,346	99	173,247	98	214,147	101	174,381	101	162,595	100
Apr 15	214,254	99	171,818	97	212,810	100	173,142	98	154,312	95
Apr 22	212,623	99	174,406	99	212,616	99	173,663	99	163,940	106
Apr 29	209,630	98	176,618	98	215,181	101	175,801	99	167,199	102
May 06	212,066	99	176,238	98	216,954	101	177,396	100	154,172	92
May 13	213,510	99	174,170	98	216,951	101	176,996	99	164,848	107

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 05/22/06				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	52-55	54.25	49.38	71.29
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	52.55	53.47	48.83	68.81
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	75	72.70	* * 72.33**	79.63
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		61.27	58.81	73.20
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 68.00)		66.81	66.32	73.18
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		42.33	39.97	56.82

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
<u>Weekly Weighted Average</u>	<u>5/19/06</u>	<u>5/19/06</u>	<u>5/22/06</u>
Breast - B/S	111.44	123.29	123.00
Tenderloins	100.78	100.51	143.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	67.31	63.03	61.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	23.50	24.85	25.50
Wings	70.30	70.25	83.00

*CORRECTION FROM PREVIOUS WEEK: SHOULD HAVE BEEN 72.33 INSTEAD OF 73.33

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